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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Request of Gordon Nease, Professional Staff Member, Senate Armed Services Committee, for Followup Information Re Agency Involvement in the Ellsberg Case

1. Today I briefed Mr. Nease along the lines of Mr. Colby's draft summary on the above matter. Nease asked for the following additional information as soon as it is available.

a. Who initially called General Cushman in early July 1971 requesting Agency assistance for Howard Hunt?

b. Did anyone in the Agency know Gordon Liddy at the time that Liddy was provided a disguise and alias in the name of

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c. Will we immediately provide to the Armed Services Committee staff copies of the material provided the FBI, the Attorney General, and the District Attorney regarding our knowledge of the Ellsberg matter?

d. Who met with Howard Hunt in the safehouses?

e. Were not detailed records kept of these meetings-- who, what, when, where? If so, the Committee would like copies. If not, why not?

f. Who were the technical service officers actually involved in the contacts? Are they available to appear?

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g. Did Hunt have a secure phone connection to the CIA? If so, how was this arranged? Is there any record of the calls made over this line?

h. Who in the White House first raised with Agency officials the possibility of a psychological assessment of Ellsberg? With what Agency officials was this matter raised?

i. Has anyone in CIA had any contact with Mr. Krogh¹ regarding the Ellsberg matter?

j. Who can provide first-hand personal knowledge, or at least specific details, regarding the history of the Agency's involvement in the Ellsberg matter? [In response to questions as to whom might be knowledgeable, I mentioned Bill Colby, Sid Gottlieb, and I pointed out that others who might be knowledgeable, including such top officials as Helms, Cushman, White, and Karamessines, were no longer in the Agency.]

k. What is the legal basis for our cooperation with the White House in this matter? Can this be justified as a protection of intelligence sources and methods?

l. What is the explanation for the apparent lack of specific documentation in Agency records regarding this very important matter? Such documentation would be very helpful in conclusively resolving some of these troublesome questions. [I explained that since it apparently was assumed that the matter involved a serious internal security problem within the Administration, it was only natural that discussion, documentations, or revelations outside of the immediate need to know circle would be kept to a minimum lest the suspect learn an investigation was under way.]

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